




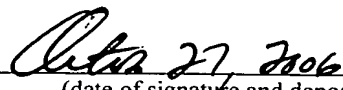
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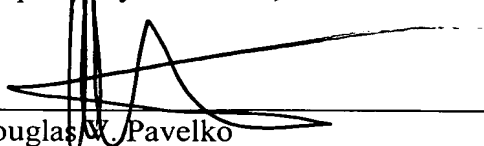
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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 20, 2006, applicants elect to prosecute Species II, shown in Figure 3 and claimed in Claims 1-20 without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,


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